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Japanese Honorifics Lesson!

-san = The most common honorific and is a title of respect similar to "Mr.", "Miss", "Mrs.", or "Ms." However, in addition to being used with people's names, it is also employed in a variety of other ways.

-chan = is a diminutive suffix. It expresses that the speaker finds a person endearing. Thus, using chan with a superior's name would be condescending and rude. In general, chan is used for babies, young children, and teenage girls. It may also be used towards cute animals, lovers, close friends, or any youthful woman.

-kun = is used by persons of senior status in addressing or referring to those of junior status, or by anyone when addressing or referring to male children or male teenagers. It can also be used by females when addressing a male that they are emotionally attached to or have known for a long period of time.

-sama = is a markedly more respectful version of san. It is used mainly to refer to people much higher in rank than oneself, toward one's customers, and sometimes toward people one greatly admires. When used to refer to oneself, sama expresses extreme arrogance (or self-effacing irony), as with ore-sama ("my esteemed self").

Senpai = is used to address or refer to one's senior colleagues in a school, company, sports club, or other group. So at school, the students in higher grades than oneself are senpai. Students of the same or lower grade are not senpai, nor are teachers. In a business environment, colleagues with more experience are senpai, but one's boss is not a senpai. Like "Doctor" in English, senpai can be used by itself as well as with a name.

Kouhai = is a junior, the reverse of senpai, but it is not normally used as an honorific.

Sensei = (literally meaning "former-born") is used to refer to or address teachers, doctors, politicians, and other authority figures. It is used to show respect to someone who has achieved a certain level of mastery in an art form or some other skill, and is also applied to novelists, poets, painters, and other artists including manga artists. In Japanese martial arts, sensei typically refers to someone who is the head of a dojo. As with senpai, sensei can be used not only as a suffix, but also as a stand-alone title.

Shi = is used in formal writing, and sometimes in very formal speech, for referring to a person who is unfamiliar to the speaker, typically a person known through publications whom the speaker has never actually met. For example, the shi title is common in the speech of newsreaders. It is preferred in legal documents, academic journals, and certain other formal written styles. Once a person's name has been used with shi, the person can be referred to with shi alone, without the name, as long as there is only one person being referred to.

-dono = when attached to a name, roughly means "lord" or "master". It does not equate noble status, rather it is a term akin to "milord" or French "monseigneur," and lies between san and sama in level of respect.

Otou-san: means Father, or otou-sama, aka **chichi**
Oyaji: means "my old man." (However if this is spoken by a girl is considered rude.)
Oji-san: uncle (or middle-aged gentleman), -san can be replaced by -sama or -chan
Ojii-san: grandpa (or male senior-citizen), -san can be replaced by -sama or -chan
Okaa-san: mother, or okaa-sama, aka **haha**
Ofukuro: means "mom." (However if this is spoken by a girl is considered rude.)
Oba-san: aunt (or middle-aged lady), -san can be replaced by -sama or -chan
Obaa-san: grandma (or female senior-citizen), -san can be replaced by -sama or -chan
Onii-san, big brother (or a young gentleman), or onii-sama, or onii-chan, aka **ani**
Onee-san: big sister (or a young lady), or onee-sama, or onee-chan, aka **ane**

Common phrases
Itadakimasu: Literally translates to "I am about to receive" an expression mostly used when someone is about to eat.
Baka: Stupid, fool
Kyaa: A scream
Fufu: A laugh

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Commander of the Shinsengumi

The Oumiya Incident

In 1867 (Keiou 3), on November 15, Sakamoto Ryouma and Nakaoka Shintarou were assassinated in the back room on the second floor of "Oumiya," an establishment in Kawaramachi, Kyoto. Assaulted by assassins naming themselves as "Rural samurai from Totsugawa," Sakamoto and Nakaoka lost their lives. The real identities of the killers are still unknown.

Sokomoto Ryoumo
A loyalist (Activist)

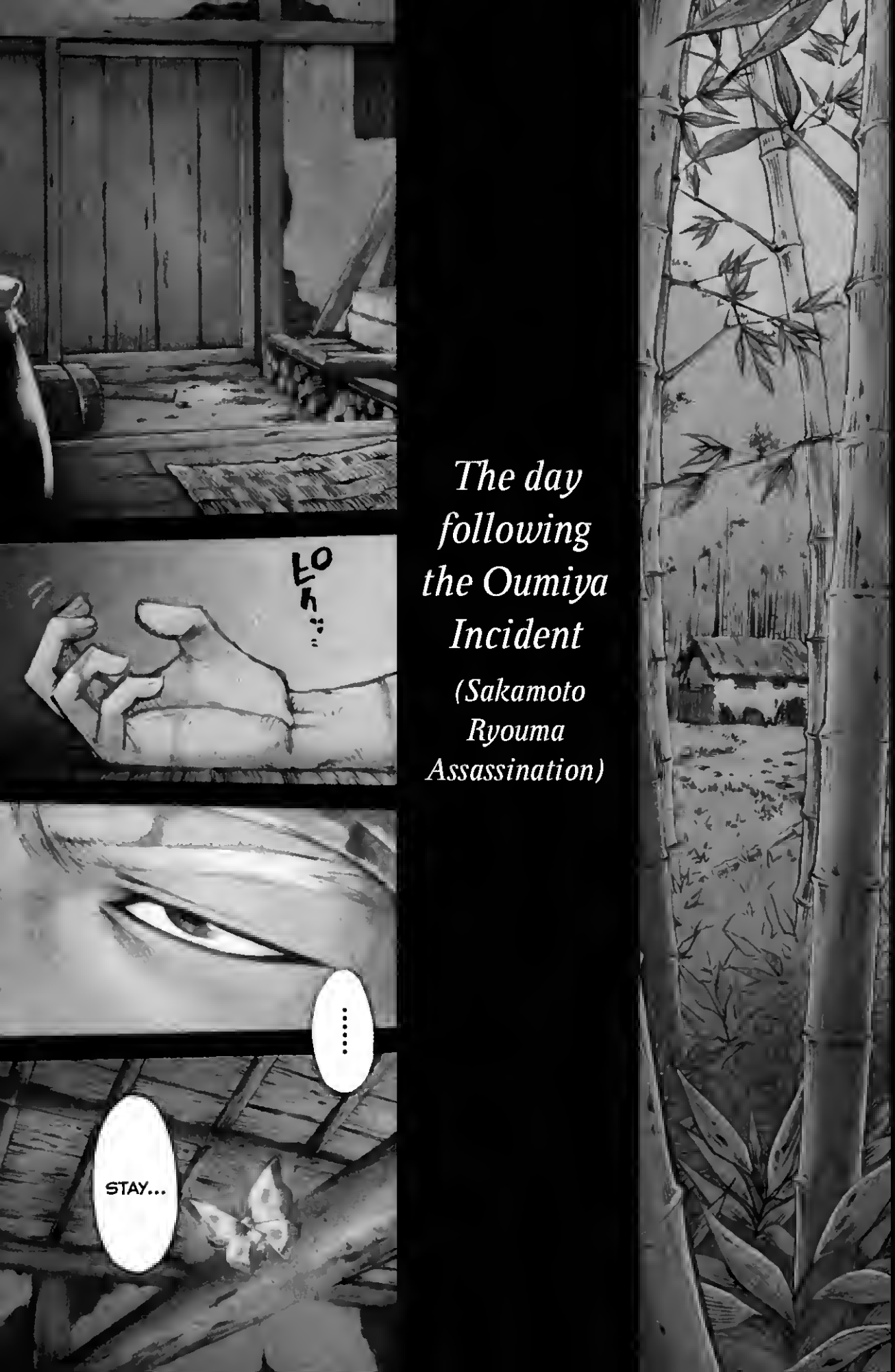
Nokooko Shintorou
Leader of the Rikuentai

Mutsu Younosuke
A warrior in the Kaentai

Gotou Shoujirou
Politician of the Tosa clan

Tonoko Kensuke
Member of the Tosa Rikuentai

Early morning on
November 16, 1867
(Keiou 3)


The day following the Oumiya Incident
(Sakamoto Ryouma Assassination)
EH...?
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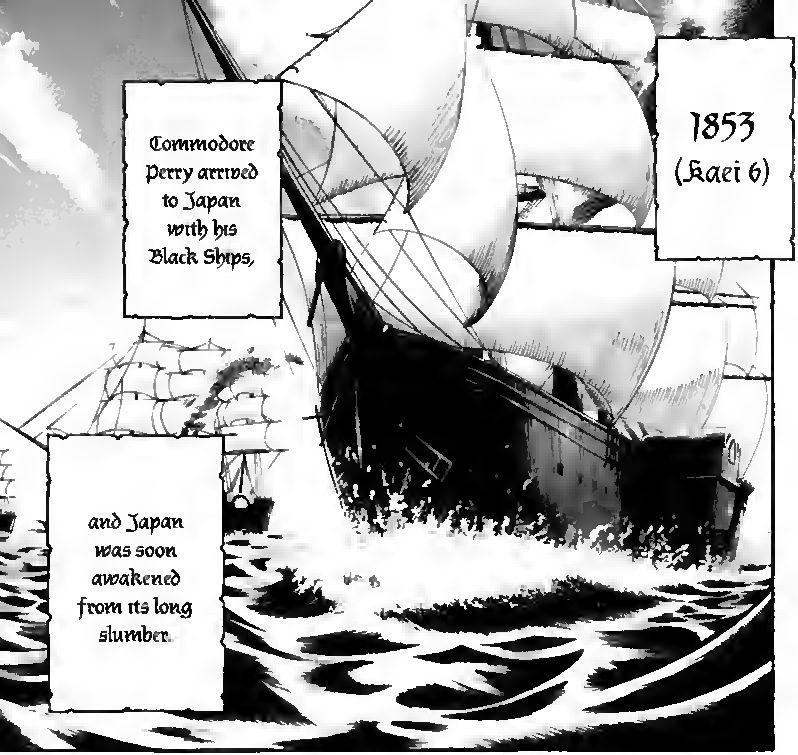
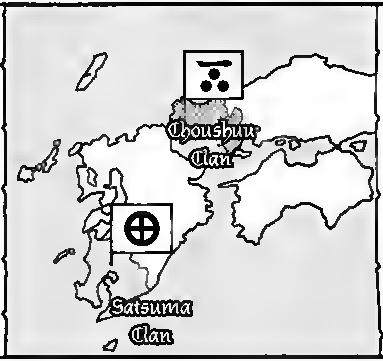
STAY...

You're telling me to... stay alive...?
Shintaaa...
第1話 脱出
Chapter 1 - Escape



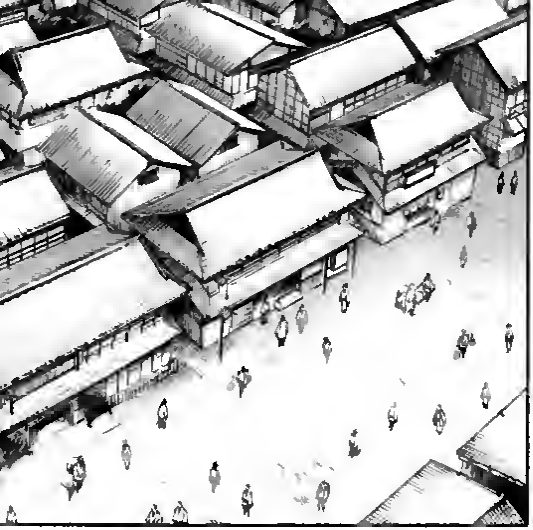
Another group, the "Sabakuha", rose to support the Tokugawa government. These two factions soon wrapped all of Japan up in what was inches from becoming an all-out war.



One group, the "Toubatsuha," rose to topple the government. They comprised of Satsuma and Choushuu, who planned to dissolve the Tokugawa dynasty, place the Emperor at the center of political affairs, and act as the pillars of a new government.

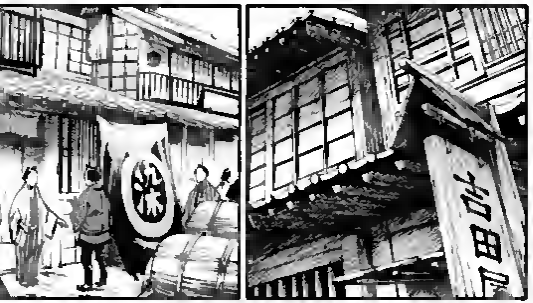
On Oct. 14, 1867 (Keiou 3), the current shogun, Tokugawa Yoshinobu,
proclaimed a Taisei Houkan* that would return political power to the Emperor.

*(RESTORATION OF IMPERIAL RULE)



Nov. 5, 1867
(Keiou 3)

Ten days before
the Oumiya
Incident



Sakamoto Kyouma
Hey, you...
Hm?

STARE
.....
DON'T TELL ME... I'M BEING FOLLOWED...
WH
WHAT...?
Glance
HEY, YOU!! WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT GIRL YOU LEFT IN MARUYAMA?!
YOU BROKE UP, DIDN'T YOU?! TELL ME THE DETAILS, MAN!!
DRAG
JERK
Ry... Ryou-san.
You're being too loud!!
Think of your situation a little!!
BE CAREFUL OF WOMEN, HIKOMA! THEY'RE THE SCARIEST CREATURES IN THIS WORLD!

The man who opened the first photography studio in Japan.
This man Kyouma's speaking to is "UENO HIKOMA."
RYOU-SAN!! SSH, SSH!
OH, LET ME GUESS, IN EXCHANGE FOR MAKING HER CRY SHE WANTED NOT MONEY, BUT YOU-KNOW-WHAT...?
HEY RYOU-SAN OWWW!
OH?
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE IN SUCH A RUSH...
WHAT IS IT?
OH?
THIS IS REALLY BAD!!!
KY... RYOU-SAN! LET'S HIDE!!!
EEK!

誠
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誠
...WE SEEM TO BE QUITE HATED...
WELL OF COURSE, KONDOU-SAN.
EH? BUT WHY, OKITA.
WHY? WELL...
THEY'LL CLAIM THAT YOU'RE A MASTERLESS SAMURAI AND CUT YOU DOWN...
OHHH... SCARY...
UUU IT'S THE SHINSEN-GUMI...
STUPID! DON'T LET YOUR EYES MEET!
HOH...
THOSE GUYS...

HIJIKA TAAA AAA!!
WE ARE AVENGING OUR COMRADE!! NOW DIE!!
MASTER-LESS SAMURAI, HUH...? WHAT FOOLS!!

ギ…
スッ…
ズズズ…

COME.
HIJIKATA TOSHIZOU
Vice-Commander
of the Shinsengumi

UOOO OOOH !!
PREPARE YOURSELF!!
BAST ARD!
LET'S SEE YOU WALK TALL NOW!!
SO HE REALLY HASN'T NOTICED
YEAH

Eh?
HE'S ALREADY BEEN CUT.
Egh?
Eh?
UWAA AAHH HH!!
Eh?

*T/N: THE SHINSENGUMI ORIGINALLY BORE THAT NAME

EVEN THOUGH THAT MAN WAS CLEARLY IN THE WRONG, THIS WILL STILL SCARE THE COMMONERS.
HE KILLS MEN WITHOUT A CARE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY
HMM

IF YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT TO THE SHINSEN-GUMI, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD
UWAHHH, THAT GUY'S SCARY EH, RYOU-SAN?
WAIT... WHERE'D HE GO!!?
AH...
AH... EEK!

THOSE WHO SEEK VENGEANCE ON US... MUST DIE.
EEK!
OH?

WHOOPS... I MISSED.
THIS IS A NEW PISTOL, SO I'M NOT TOO USED TO IT...
WHA...
WHA...
WHAAAAAA!!?

HE...
HE FIRED!! HE FIRED!!!
KYA AAA A!!
HE FIRED A PISTOL AT THE SHINSE-NGUMI!!
Y... YOU BASTA AAAAA RDS!!
Oh..
WHAT ARE YOUR INTEN-TIONS?!
EEK!
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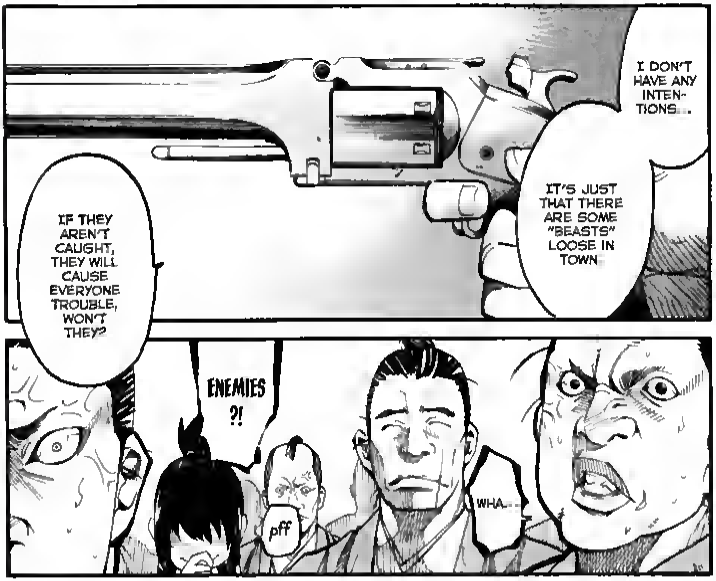

I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEN-TIONS...
IT'S JUST THAT THERE ARE SOME "BEASTS" LOOSE IN TOWN...
IF THEY AREN'T CAUGHT, THEY WILL CAUSE EVERYONE TROUBLE, WON'T THEY?
ENEMIES ?!
pff
WHA...

WHETHER YOU'RE FROM THE GOVERNMENT, SATSUMA, CHOUSHUU, WHATEVER... DUMB BEASTS LIKE YOU WHO GO AROUND KILLING PEOPLE...
WON'T BE NECESSARY IN THE NEXT AGE, AFTER ALL.
A TOSA ACCENT... IS HE MERELY ANOTHER IDIOT...?

RY... RYOU-SAN!!
WHY ARE YOU ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE FOR?! LET'S HURRY UP AND ESCAPE!!
Grip
Oh?
BUT THAT'S NO FUN.
THIS HAS NEVER BEEN FUN!!

GYAHA HAH!!
WHEN PEOPLE DIE, THEY DIE! SO ENJOY YOUR LIFE WHILE YOU STILL HAVE IT!!
DAMMIT...!! ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! DO YOU WANT TO GET KILLED?!
CHASE HIM!!! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!!
AHH!!

...WHAT, SOUJI? YOU KNOW THAT IDIOT?
DO I KNOW HIM...?
Cough
FU... FUFU... "BEASTS," ARE WE...? WHAT AN AMUSING THING TO SAY
Cough

THERE ARE EVEN GUYS WHO SLIP AND SMASH THEIR NUTS AND KILL THEMSELVES WHEN THEY GET OUT OF THE BATH, YOU KNOW?!
PLEASE JUST FOCUS ON RUNN-ING-!! GEEZ!!

TOSA'S... SAKAMOTO RYOUMA.
THAT'S THE GUY THE MIMAWARI-GUMI AND THE KISHUU CLAN HAVE GONE CRAZY SEARCHING FOR

TH...
THAT'S SAKAMOTO RYOUMA...!?
WHA ...!!?

Tosa Clan Politician
GOTOU SHOUJIROU
WELL? RYOUMA!! HMM? ARE YOU ABOUT TO FINISH?
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU ASKED ME THAT?
YOU'RE SO IMPATIENT, UNCLE GOTOU.
I'M ALMOST THERE JUST BE QUIET AND WAIT!

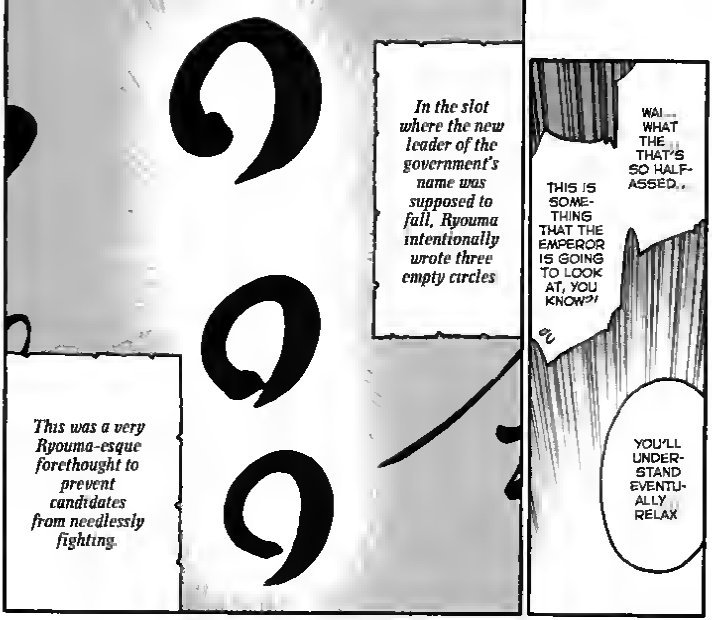
Ryouma's eyes were already set on creating a new nation.
Only three days after the Taisei Houkan was put into place,

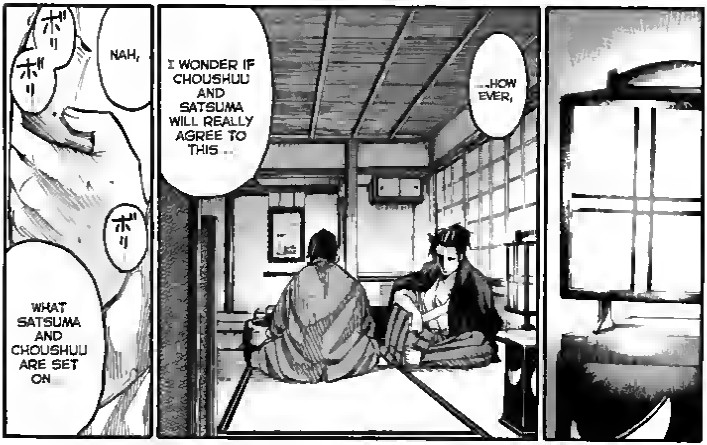
There he met with Mitsuoka Hachirou, an economist who had lost his standing and was put under house arrest toward the end of the Tokugawa dynasty, and was up talking all night.
He went to visit the Echizen clan immediately to ask about financial resources for a new government

Ryouma was inventive enough to take the opinions of these experts, interpret them in his own way, and then make them better.
With this, his plans began to take shape. It was in getting things done that Ryouma truly shined.
FINISHED!!

YEAH!!
THIS IS MY EIGHT POINT PROGRAM FOR A NEW GOVERNMENT!!
OH...
SO THIS IS THE NEW "JAPAN"!!
The Eight Point Program,
a blueprint for the future of Japan in order for it to rebirth as a modern nation.
AMA-ZING.
THIS IS AMAZING!!
It was a ground-breaking picture of a new Japan.
It utilized human resources from all over the country, reformed unfair laws, added judicial regulations, created a national army, and created the first incarnation of the National Diet

*Tosa's ex-clan leader Yamauchi Toyoshige After he retired and became known as Youdou he continued to greatly influence the clan affairs from a political standpoint


In the slot where the new leader of the government's name was supposed to fall, Ryouma intentionally wrote three empty circles
This was a very Ryouma-esque forethought to prevent candidates from needlessly fighting.
WAI... WHAT THE THAT'S SO HALF-ASSED..
THIS IS SOME-THING THAT THE EMPEROR IS GOING TO LOOK AT, YOU KNOW?!
EH
YOU'LL UNDER-STAND EVENTU-ALLY RELAX


NAH,
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WHAT SATSUMA AND CHOUSHUU ARE SET ON
I WONDER IF CHOUSHUU AND SATSUMA WILL REALLY AGREE TO THIS ..
..HOW EVER,

I'VE... SEEN MANY LOVED ONES PASS AWAY...
HANBEITA... IZOU... YOSHIMURA... KIYATA...
I DON'T WANT TO FEEL THAT PAIN AGAIN... I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO...
IS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOKUGAWA.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY DON'T WANT TO MERELY TOPPLE IT, BUT "ERADICATE" IT.
THEY WON'T AGREE RIGHT AWAY.
I WONDER...
.....
HOW MANY MORE...
JAPANESE WILL HAVE TO KILL EACH OTHER BEFORE THIS ALL ENDS...?

As the executive overseer, Gotou had forced Takechi Hanbeita, the leader of the Tosa Pro-Emperor movement and Ryouma's unrivaled comrade, to disembowel himself.
I'M SORRY... RYOUMA...
During the Emperor's loyalist political purge that stormed through Tosa...
.....!!
In a single night, his position completely changed... The some fate befell unto many other men during the last days of the Tokugawa
But now, he is running with Ryauma in hopes for a complete restoration of the government...
NAH... IT'S NO ONE'S FAULT.
IT AIN'T YOUR FAULT, UNCLE GOTOU.
THAT'S JUST WHAT HAD TO BE DONE...
.....

ALL THIS TALK ABOUT CLANS AND STATUS...
BULLSHIT LIKE THAT IS WHAT FORCES PEOPLE TO KILL ONE ANOTHER.
ディディ
THAT'S WHY...
ゴリ
WE'RE GONNA HAVE TO GIVE JAPAN...
A GOOD, HARD, WASHING OVER!!
ボッ
ボッ
ボッ

RYOUMA ..!!
RYO ....

YEP! WE WILL.
AND THEN LET'S GO INTO THE BATH AND WASH OURSELVES TOO!!
YEP... WE WILL.
LET'S CHANGE JAPAN TOGETHER!!
RYOUMA !!

A man which Ryouma labeled "an ally" in a letter to a friend.
and also got to talk with an elite vassal of the Tokugawa government, Nagai Naoyuki.
Through Gotou, Ryouma got the consent of Tosa's Yamauchi Youdou,

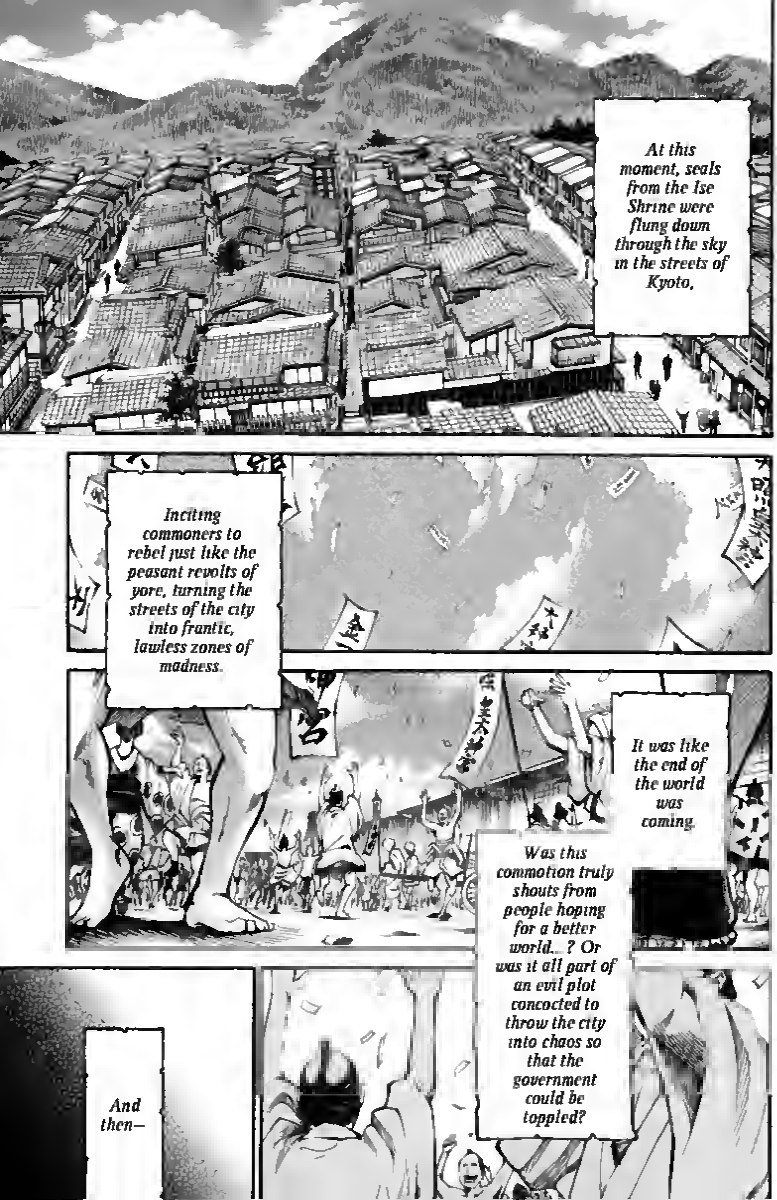
For the sake of a revolution towards peace...
Ryouma did everything he could.
WHAT ? THE SHINSEN-GUMI?
Tosa clan
NAKAOKA SHINTAROU
YES, LATELY WE'VE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN HOUNDING SAKAMOTO-SENSEI AND NAKAOKA-SENSEI...
HM...
WE FEEL IT'D BE BETTER IF THEY WERE RELOCATED TO THE TOSA ESTATE FOR THEIR SECURITY...

IF ITOU-SAN SAID IT, THEN THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT...
MMMM.
...WHAT WILL YOU DO, RYOUMA?
WILL THE REMNANTS OF THE WANDERERS OF MIBU BE CRAWLING TO MY PLACE TRYING TO OIL ME UP THIS TIME..?
OR PERHAPS
.....
After switching over to the Pro-Emperor side, he had aimed for a chance to mingle with Ryouma's group.
ITOU KASHITAROU
The man who was once the advisor for the Shinsengumi had seen the trends of the times and defected.
Y-YOU MEAN YOU DON'T WANT TO GO..?
YOUR LIFE IS BEING TARGETED!!
I DON'T LIKE CRAMPED PLACES LIKE THAT.
I...

WHEN HUMANS DIE, THEY DIE. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN IT HAPPENS.
THERE'S NO REASON TO THINK SO DEEPLY ABOUT IT...
It'll make your hair fall out.
WHA
HAHAHAHA!! TRUE, BEING THERE WOULD ONLY SHORTEN YOUR LIFE IN THE END!!
S... SAKAMOTO-DONO!! THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER!!
BUT SAKAMOTO-SAN...
Oh?

In April of 1867, the Kishuu clan's "Meikoumaru" and the "Irohamaru" vessel that belonged to the Kaientai, which Ryouma based his activities around, crashed and sunk in the Sea of Japan.

IT'LL BE A PAIN IN THE ASS, SO I'M FINE JUST STAYING AT AN INN.
"If I were to go to the Two Pines Estate (the Satsuma estate) then I'd have to prepare myself for battle" (Interpretation)
WITH THE TAISEI HOUKAN IN EFFECT, THE SHINSENGUMI, MIMAWARIGUMI, AND PEOPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT,
AS WELL AS THE KISHUU CLAN, WITH THE "IROHA-MARU" INCIDENT IN THEIR MINDS, ARE ALL THIRSTY FOR BLOOD...
HMM M...
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GO TO THE TOSA ESTATE, THEN HOW ABOUT THE SATSUMA ESTATE...?
...Was what Ryouma wrote in a letter to Mochizuki Sethei.
EH?
NAH
RYOUMA...?


At this moment, seals from the Ise Shrine were flung down through the sky in the streets of Kyoto,
Inciting commoners to rebel just like the peasant revolts of yore, turning the streets of the city into frantic, lawless zones of madness.
It was like the end of the world was coming.
Was this commotion truly shouts from people hoping for a better world...? Or was it all part of an evil plot concocted to throw the city into chaos so that the government could be toppled?
And then—

November
15, 1867
=Keiou 3=

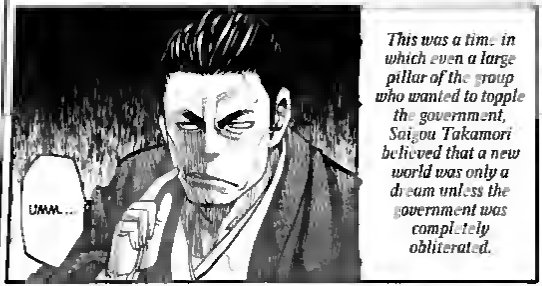
..SO
WHAT WAS IT YOU WANTED, SHINTA?
ホゥ
HEY.... RYOUMA, YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH
ハクション!
YOU JUST SNEEZED, ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE OK...?
So cold!
...LIKE I SAID,
AS WE SIT HERE, THE GOVERNMENT IS STRENGTHENING THEIR MILITARY WITH NEW-MODEL GUNS SHIPPED IN FROM FRANCE.
THE SIZE OF THEIR FLEET IS ALSO WAY LARGER THAN THE SATSUMA-CHOUSHUU FLEET!!
While they were true best friends, Nakaoka, who was 100% for toppling the government, and Ryouma, who was looking for a peaceful revolution,
were like fire and oil when it came to that subject.
This was so that if the discussion happened to get a little heated, they would not end up killing one another.
At this time, the two had shelved their swords far away from themselves.

SO THEN...
WE'LL JUST TAKE LAND FROM THE GOVERNMENT
THERE CAN BE NO NEW COUNTRY WITHOUT DISSOLVING THE GOVERNMENT!!
THERE'S NO WAY THOSE BASTARDS INSIDE THE GOVERNMENTAL MACHINE WILL AGREE!!
EVEN IF KEIKI TRIES TO RETURN TOKUGAWA LAND TO THE PEOPLE,
HRM...
DO YOU INTEND TO REPEAT THIS CYCLE FOREVER?
POWER CREATED THROUGH FORCE CANNOT KEEP CONTROLLED BY FORCE.
.....
SHINTA, LISTEN TO ME.
THEN JAPAN WILL BECOME EVEN POORER...
IF IT TURNS INTO A WAR, PEOPLE WILL DIE, AND MONEY WILL BE NEEDED

WELL?
DO YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT DESPITE THAT?
THE ONLY ONES WHO WILL BE HAPPY IF THE JAPANESE SPILL MORE OF THEIR OWN BLOOD IS ENGLAND, FRANCE, AND AMERICA...
POWERFUL NATIONS WHO ARE ALL WAITING VIGILANTLY FOR THE CHANCE TO TURN THIS INTO COLONIZED LAND
Nghk
.....
ONCE THE NEW COUNTRY'S MADE... WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO AFTER-WARDS?
OBVIOUSLY IT'S TO MAKE A NEW COUNTRY!
THAT WAS AN UNEXPE-CTED QUESTI-ON...
OK... IN THAT CASE.....
WHAT'S YOUR "DREAM?"
SHINTA.....
DREAM?

I...
I WANT TO FLY THROUGH THE SEA!!!

It wasn't only Nakaoka
W...
WELL...


UMM...
This was a time in which even a large pillar of the group who wanted to topple the government, Saigou Takamori believed that a new world was only a dream unless the government was completely obliterated.

OH...
I, ON THE OTHER HAND, SHINTA..
.....

HAHAHA... YOU TRULY ARE A STRANGE MAN.
YOU CAN EVEN CONVINCE A MAN LIKE ME, WHEN I'M ARGUING COMPLETELY AGAINST YOU
THE MINUTE I SEE THOSE STRAIGHT FORWARD EYES OF YOURS, I CAN'T THINK UP ANY KIND OF RETORT...
FUFUFU I REALLY CAN'T BEAT YOU AFTER ALL...
OH?
G

YEAH, I KNOW...
BUT SATSU-MA'S... SAIGOU WON'T COME AS EASILY AS I.
BUT IT'S GOT TO BE DONE... I'M SICK OF WARS...
HAH...
I'M JUST STUB-BORN.
HE'S A MAN WHO WILL CARRY JAPAN ON HIS SHOULDERS FROM THIS POINT ON...
YEAH, HE HAS "CHARA-CTER."
... AND
SAIGOU IS LIKE YOU THOUGH, HE HAS A STRANGE CHARM...
MAYBE YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'S CONVINCED THIS TIME
IF I HAD HAD THE CHANCE TO MEET HIM IN A PEACEFUL WORLD...
I'M SURE WE WOULD HAVE BECOME BEST FRIENDS.

RYOUMA.
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A RURAL SAMURAI FROM TOTSUGA-WA...? THAT DOESN'T RING ANY BELLS...
WELL, WHATEVER. SEND HIM IN, TOUKICHI!
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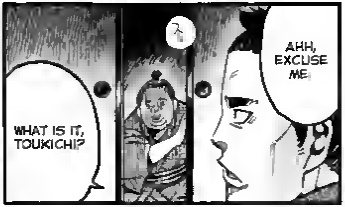
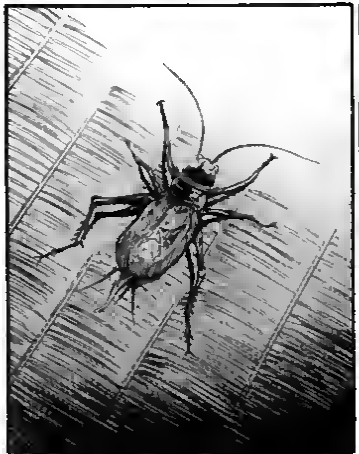

AHH, EXCUSE ME.
WHAT IS IT, TOUKICHI?

IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A MAN WHO WANTS TO MEET WITH SENSEI.
OH?
WHO IS IT? SHOW HIM TO US.



HEY, ARE YOU SURE, RYOUMA? YOU'RE GONNA LET SOMEONE IN THAT EASILY?
IT'S FINE, IT'S FINE.
IT'LL BE A WAY TO KILL TIME UNTIL MINEKICHI COMES BACK WITH THOSE FIGHTING COCKS.
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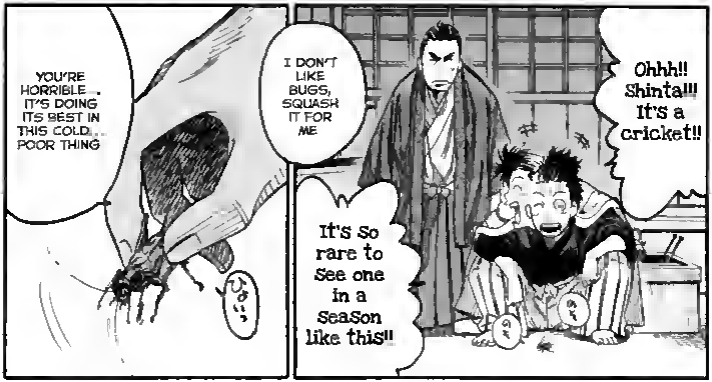
OH...


YOU'RE HORRIBLE... IT'S DOING ITS BEST IN THIS COLD... POOR THING
I DON'T LIKE BUGS, SQUASH IT FOR ME
Ohhh!! Shinta!!! It's a cricket!!
It's so rare to see one in a season like this!!

Chirp

THAT'S BETTER...
HMM...

ch iiii rp.
ch iiii rp.
ch iiii rp.
HOH...
WHAT A NICE BLUE COLOR...
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I...AM A RURAL SAMURAI FROM TOTSU-GAWA...
MY NAME IS KIKUCHI...
...OH.
MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH COMING OUT HERE IN THE COLD.
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WHA ...?!
I THINK I ALREADY KNOW...
BUT WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOUR GUEST?!
HEY, RYOUMA !!!
GUH HHH ...
AN ASSASSIN.
GRAB YOUR SWORD, SHINTA.
HE MAY BE OUR GUEST, BUT HE'S ALSO...

YOU BASTARD!!
Y...
GUH!!

KUH
WHO THE HELL...
ARE YOU PEO-PLE?!
GWAH

ORAAA HHH!!
OHHH HH!
RYOU MA!!!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING, RYOUMAA-AAA?!?!
SHOOT TO KILL!
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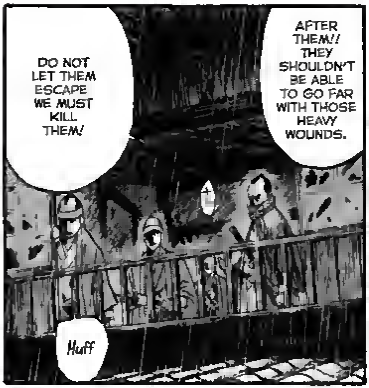
Oh?

RYOU MAAA AAAA!
YOU IDIOT!!
THIS WAY!! LET'S RUN!!


DO NOT LET THEM ESCAPE WE MUST KILL THEM!
AFTER THEM!! THEY SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GO FAR WITH THOSE HEAVY WOUNDS.
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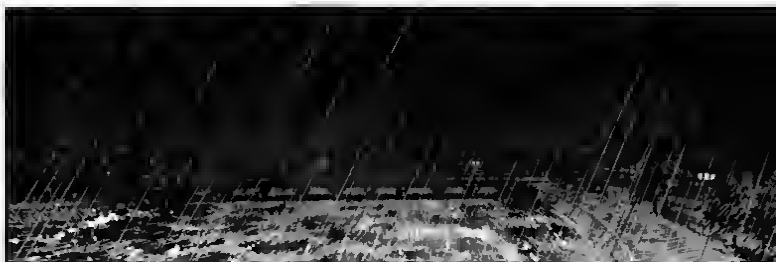
You all right?
This way!!

Tch...

STILL, THEY PUT UP QUITE A FIGHT...
AGAINST SUCH TOUGH ADVERSARIES...



IF I SURVIVE THIS.. MAYBE I'LL START LISTENING TO PEOPLE'S WARNINGS...
IF...
I KNEW THINGS WOULD END UP LIKE THIS, I WOULDA GONE TO THE TOSA ESTATE...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HAVE YOU GONE MAD?
NAH... I'VE LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD...
SHINTA... JUST RUN AWAY ON YOUR OWN... YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT IF YOU'RE ALONE...
GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF!!
HEY!! KYOUMA!!

BESIDES.. IT LOOKS LIKE THEY WERE AFTER ME...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! IT'S TOO EARLY TO GIVE UP!!
YOU'RE A NECESSARY PERSON FOR THE FUTURE OF JAPAN!!
GUF UH
RYUUMA... I'M SORRY.
THAT'S IT, THAT'S GOOD. NOW RUN...
SH...
SHIN... TA...?

YOU'RE STUBBORN...
BECAUSE...
Wh..
Why
!
THERE THEY ARE!! OVER THERE!!

YES... RYOUMA HAS DIED...
AND I COULDN'T THINK OF LIVING ON BY MYSELF

PREPARED YOURSELF?
SORRY, BUT YOU MUST DIE HERE.

HAVE YOUR WAY WITH HIS HEAD!!
I WILL NOT LET YOU...

BUT...
WHA

FAREWELL...
RYOUMA...
SHIN...
TA...
LIVE ON!!!
SHINTAROU...

NOW, ENEMIES OF RYOUMA!!
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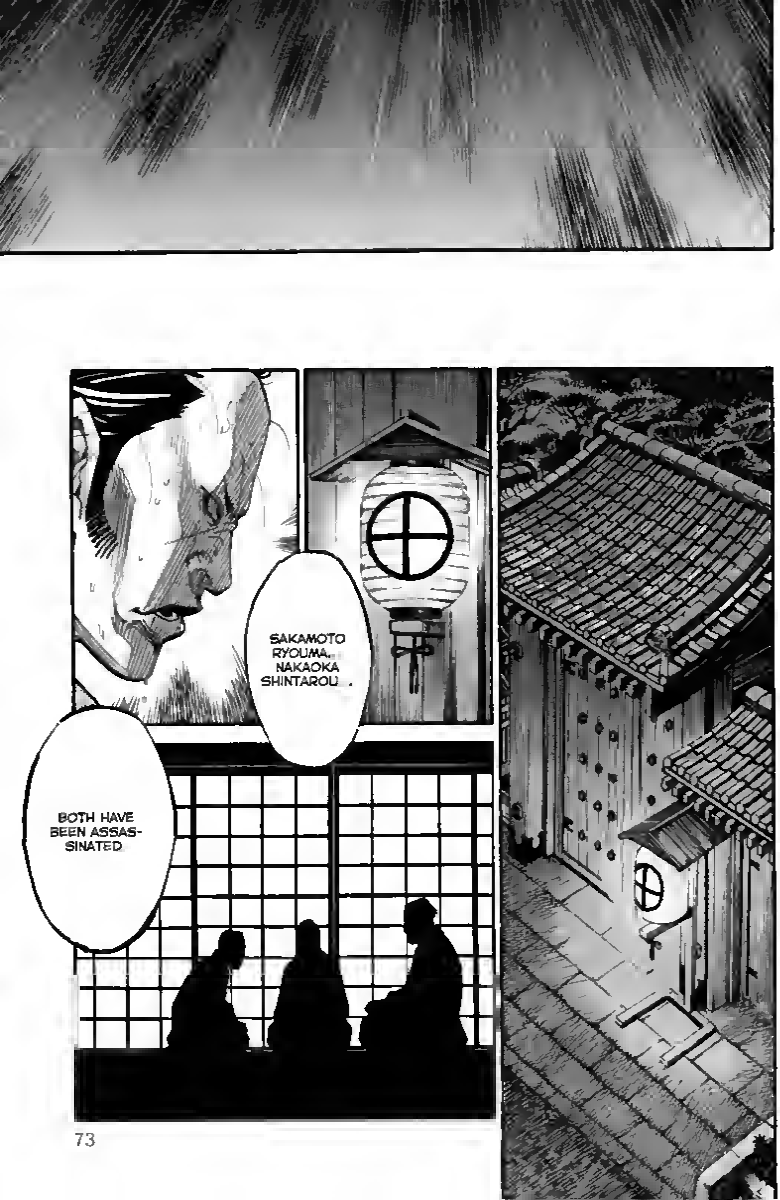
SAKAMOTO RYOUMA, NAKAOKA SHINTAROU
BOTH HAVE BEEN ASSAS-SINATED

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SAIGOU-
SAMA...

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